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Slated For August 22 & 23... Turnverein Sets OCTOBERFEST

By Penny Stone

The Springfield Turnverein, 176 Garden Street, Feeding Hills, is winding up plans for their annual Octoberfest to be held next weekend, August 22 and 23 on their spacious grounds.

This year's celebration promises to be bigger and better than ever with something to please all ages and entertainment offered throughout both days.

The long list of special activities will commence each day at 1:30 p.m. with a grand parade, complete with authentic German musical groups and an Octoberfest queen. A four-piece band called DIAMONDS IN THE RUF will play throughout the day on Saturday until closing at midnight. Sunday's parade will feature the BURGERMESITER ORCHESTRA, a six piece group from Cheshire, Conn., who will entertain all day Sunday until 11:00 P.M.

The year's elected queen is Jean DeForge, who will mingle with the crowd and be available to answer any questions the public may have about the Turnverein and its affiliation with the American Turners Association, an nationwide organization of German-Americans.

Though a person need not be of German origin to become a member, the club must maintain a German lineage of 51 percent, according to the by-laws.

Other entertainment on Saturday will include the electric guitar playing of PETER FRYE, and a 7:00 p.m. performance of the club's well-known singing groups, the MEN'S SINGING SECTION and the LADIES GLEE CLUB.

Peter Frye will perform again on Sunday, as will the club's gymnastic students, whose two exhibitions will take place at 2:30 and 3:30 p.m., during the band's breaks. The Schuplaters, an Alpine dancing group, will put on shows at 6:00, 8:30 and 10:00 p.m. both nights.

All this entertainment for young and old alike will take place, rain or shine, under the protection of a 90x225 foot tent where a wide variety of food will be available. The traditional ox roast will be offered **Saturday only** and roast beef lovers are advised to get in line early for this delicious feature.

In addition to the popular German dinners and pastries, this year hamburgers and hot dogs, corn on the cob and mini-treats will be available for the less adventure-some palates.

What would an Oktoberfest be without fermented malt and hops? Beer drinkers can avail themselves of many light and dark brews while wine lovers will find a selection of good, German wines. Liquor, soft drinks and coffee may also be purchased "under the big tent."

Adjoining this food and entertainment tent will be a smaller tent encompassing the arcade and carnival games. About 12 pinball and electronic machine games, including the radar gun, will be set up here for the young and young-at-heart.

Carnival games such as "Hit the Doll" will provide hours of fun and a chance to win a prize.

Master of Ceremonies, IRV SCHMID, will keep festival-goers well-informed and offer raffle tickets throughout the weekend, prior to the 8:00 p.m. drawing on Sunday.

When the gates finally close at 11:00 p.m. on Sunday, Turnverein volunteers expect to have seen over 10,000 people pass through.

Complimentary tickets for this fun-filled weekend are available at the Garden Street club and at banks and stores throughout the community. Be sure to pick some up for both days.

Those arriving without complimentary tickets will be asked for a \$1 donation. Children under 14 are free if accompanied by an adult and parking is also free.



Jessie D. Fuller

Mrs. Fuller Clears Air On Board Split

School Committeewoman Jessie D. Fuller today issued the following statement relative to the quality of education and actions of the School Committee in the past year.

Mrs. Fuller released the statement to "clear up" as she put it, recent controversies involving the board and criticisms aimed at the so-called divisiveness between board members.

Education Being Delivered

Mrs. Fuller is firmly convinced that despite a difficult year the education being delivered to students in the Agawam school system, K-12, is more than adequate. She commended the teachers and administrative personnel in the system for a job "well done."

She said, "There have been some comments lately by certain individuals in and out of the press about so-called divisiveness within the present School Committee."

"I agree that such a situation has existed, however, I feel that the direction of the board has changed. I feel its direction is towards unanimity for the betterment of the school system."

Mrs. Fuller said she was a key figure in "opening up" School Committee meetings and moving the committee away from the executive meeting policy which has been prevalent on the board for many years.

Mrs. Fuller took a strong stand against the policies of outgoing Superintendent of School Louis J. Hebert. She said, "I felt that Mr. Hebert was not right for Agawam. I was willing to speak up and speak out again and again for change. If you are elected by the people then one of the things you are elected to do is to disagree when conditions make it necessary."

Firm Position On Issues

Mrs. Fuller pledged to take a firm position on issues during her tenure as a board members, saying, "I will continue to speak out when I believe changes are necessary. I refuse to serve silently on any board to preserve the political image of unity."

Mrs. Fuller praised members of the Parent-Teacher Organizations for their advice and expertise in assisting the School Committee pass the school budget through Town Council.

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Refuse Collection Regulations Announced

The Agawam Department of Public Works has announced refuse collection regulations in effect throughout the town to govern rubbish and garbage pickup.

All refuse must be in containers except for brush and hedge trimmings which may be tied in bundles not exceeding four feet in length and fifty pounds in weight and newspapers or flattened cardboard boxes which may be tied securely in bundles weighing less than thirty pounds and having no dimension greater than 36 inches.

Containers allowed for refuse disposal must be metal or plastic having a maximum capacity of 30 gallons and equipped with two handles, one on each side. Plastic bags having a maximum capacity of seven cubic feet are also acceptable. No cardboard boxes or paper bags may be used.

All refuse to be collected should be on the treebelt by 7 a.m. of the scheduled collection day. The term refuse covers solid wastes generated from the operation of households including garbage, lawn clippings, leaves, hedge trimmings, and brush. Specifically excluded are tires, tubes, stumps, trees or parts thereof, automobile bodies and motors or parts thereof, metal pipes, demolition waste and bulky wastes.

From May through September inclusive, garbage shall not be placed loosely in barrels, but shall be wrapped in paper or in closed bags within the barrel.

Containers should not be loaded to such weight that they cannot be lifted by one man.

Residents who experience problems with the collection service may telephone the DPW at 786-0400 or the collection contractor, Commercial Disposal Company, at 737-3244.

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(Mrs. Fuller: Continued From Pg. 1)

She said the PTO's have been a pool of knowledge and energy for the School Committee to draw upon over the years.

"The input of the PTO's is very much appreciated. It is my hope and desire that they will continue to flourish and continue to support the children of the community with their fine ideas and help," Mrs. Fuller stated.

Mrs. Fuller suggested that with the upcoming November elections, that board members should analyze their position as elected officials and to decide whether or not they are actually fulfilling their obligations to the citizens of the community.

Commissioners Submit Final Budget

The Hampden County Commissioners announced today that they are submitting their budget to the state legislature's Committee on Counties for the final time. With the enactment of home rule for counties, cities and towns will exercise ultimate control over county budgets.

After much work with the county department heads, the final assessment figures to the cities and towns of Hampden County is less than the 1981 assessment figures. The 1981 tax levy was \$7,689,149.82. The 1982 levy is \$7,685,482.58.

County Commissioner Rita Tremble stated, "This first experience working on the county budget has convinced me that using proper management skills enabled us to reduce the county budget and maintain services."

Commissioner Thomas J. O'Connor said, "I am very pleased that we have been able to cut our budgets in accordance with the mandate of the voters."

Joseph Zaher, secretary-treasurer of the Hampden County Selectmen's Association and member of the Hampden County Advisory Board, who has been working closely with the Commissioners for the last six months, said, "I applaud our County Commissioners for their deep concern for making the necessary cuts. They are marching in the same direction as the cities and towns relative to Proposition 2½. I would also like to commend them for not accepting the \$2,400 pay raise which they rightly deserve."

Hampden County Commission Chairman Leonard Collamore stated, "We are pleased we have won the battle for home rule and that this is our final submission to Boston of our 1982 budget, which is below level funding."

St. Anthony's Schedules Family Barbeque

The Holy Name Society of St. Anthony of Padua Church, Agawam, will hold its 19th annual Family Chicken Barbeque on Sunday, August 30th, at the Polish American Club on Southwick Street.

Continuous servings will be held from noon to 4 p.m. - rain or shine - with members of the UNICO Club cooking.

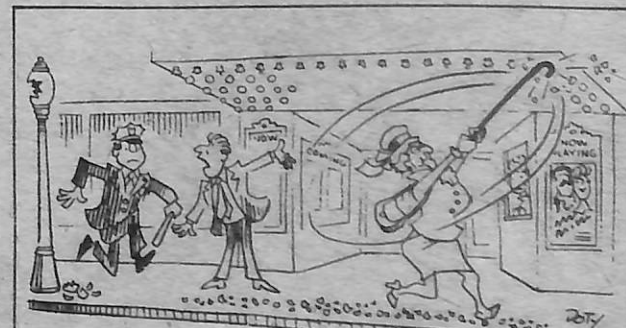
The menu consists of half-chicken, tossed salad, native corn on the cob, bread and butter, watermelon, and beverages. Take-out orders will be available for those who furnish their own containers.

Tickets for this event are \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Tickets are being donated by Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home and may be obtained from members of the Holy Name Society, after weekend masses, or at the rectory (786-3724). Walk-ins are welcome on the day of the picnic.

Many prizes have been donated by area merchants and businesses, among them a first prize of 100 gallons of gas or cash. Second prize is a Mass. State lottery ticket for one year. Proceeds will be used for the continuing program of repair to St. Anthony's Church and grounds.

Honorary chairman of this barbeque is Rev. Joseph Fellin, and Frank Gatti and Gubby Borgatti will serve as co-chairmen. Dorothy Pilegi and Holy Rosary Society members will handle kitchen detail and Jo Jean, and Amy Longo will be in charge of tickets. Paul Ferrarini is in charge of publicity.

For further information on this event, call Father Fellin at 786-3724 or Paul Ferrarini at 786-9574.



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Big E Offers Fleenor's Specialties

The Big E's Country Cavalcade Stage will feature the smooth sounds of Nashville's Stella Parton and the foot-stompin' bluegrass beat of Southbound Glory in free shows daily September 16-27.

The man behind the music may be better known to fairgoers as the man behind the wheel of the death-defying Hurricane Helldrivers, a popular Big E attraction for fourteen years.

Dan Fleenor and his wife Joy own, operate, and book acts for the colorful Country Cavalcade Stage, a portable, self-contained unit complete with dressing rooms and sound system. The Big E has featured the stage on the Avenue of States since 1979 when performers included Louise Mandrell.

The Fleenors established the stage in 1976 to house a show honoring our nation's bicentennial. The stage is featured at fairs and exhibitions throughout the U.S.

Fleenor also wears another hat within the fair business. While his country shows set millions of toes tapping and the squeal of Helldrivers' tires is heard coast to coast, the former "Dean of the Daredevils" has taken on a challenge of a different sort as general manager of the Alabama State Fair. With Fleenor at the helm, the Birmingham-based fair has received a needed shot in the arm. He has instituted programs to revamp the 128-acre facility and anticipates boosting the attendance to more than a half million.

While Fleenor enjoys his new position, he claims he "wouldn't trade a day of the good years spent on the road."

The Cleburne, Texas, native began his stunt driving career shortly after World War II performing with various auto shows before establishing the Thunderbird Hell Drivers in 1955 and later the Hurricane Helldrivers. He appeared in a number of movies and was dubbed "Dapper Dan" by Clark Gable during the filming of *To Please A Lady*.

Dan Fleenor and the Hurricane Helldrivers made their first appearance at the Eastern States Exposition in 1966 when fair attendance was about 500,000. Fleenor says that it's been a "real thrill to watch a fair progress over a few short years." The Big E, "New England's Great State Fair" now hosts over one million visitors during its 12-day run.

Your Friendly Neighborhood Butcher



LOCAL RESIDENT DAVE TOURVILLE has opened up a Butcher Shop as part of Valley Farms Dairy Store in Feeding Hills Center. Both Dave and the new dairy store are doing very well during the summer months and anticipating big things this fall. Stop by and say hello to Dave

COURTHOUSE Moving Right Along...



CONSTRUCTION ON THE COURTHOUSE, a new racquetball club and health facility in Feeding Hills Center is currently underway. Walls are going up and before too long, local residents will be enjoying the facility. Photo by Jack Devine.

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IRISH NATIONALS VISITING Feeding Hills Congregational Church as part of Operation Friendship are, back row, from left, Jayne Kennedy, Sarah Rafferty, William McDaid, Raymond McMonagle, Kevin Keenan, Fiona O'Neill, Martin O'Connell (advisor), Frankie McDevitt and Grainne Devlin. Middle row, Elizabeth Edgar, John McLaughlin, Frank Gillespie, Ignatius Hughes, Charlie Lafferty, Martin Kelly, Marie Curran and Dympna Rafferty (advisor). Front row, Attracta Murphy, Mary Devlin, Avril Henderson, Maria Laverty and Patricia Kelly. Photo by Jack Devine.

Northern Ireland Visitors Dream Of "White Christmas"

By Penny Stone

I've often thought about celebrating Christmas in August; haven't you? Well, this is exactly what 22 guests from Northern Ireland experienced last Friday at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church.

Fifteen area host families, participating in Operation Friendship through the Inter-Cultural Exchange Program, treated their young guests to a traditional American Christmas celebration complete with everything except snow.

The traditional evergreen was appropriately decorated and below it were placed individually selected gifts for the summer visitors. Stockings were filled through the generosity of area banks and businesses, and Santa Claus even put in an appearance.

After a festive meal of turkey, dressing, and all the trimmings, the happy group gathered around to sing Christmas carols (as the electric fans buzzed in the

DYMPNA RAFFERTY from Northern Ireland sits on Santa's lap while Feeding Hills Congo Reverend Wilbur Sadlier looks on. Photo by Jack Devine.

windows!)

Among those present was the Frederic and Maxine Lavelle family of 447 South West Street, who joined the summer exchange program just last year through Rev. William Sadlier, area coordinator at the Feeding Hills Congo Church.

"We heard there were some openings, went to a few meetings, and helped raise funds to sponsor young people from the ages of 15-25 to come to the United States," comments the mother of three teenagers, Laura, Brenda, & Steven.

The Lavelles have enjoyed the past three weeks as host family to three teenagers from Northern Ireland. Kevin Keenan, Patricia Kelly, and Elizabeth Edgar have taken in as much of America as they could fit into their short stay. Even the Lavelles are learning a few things it seems.

Maxine tells us, "I've seen more in the past three weeks than in my whole life, I think!" The group planned a sightseeing tour of New York City early this week.

Departure was originally slated for August 13th, but due to the Air Traffic Controllers' strike, a three day delay is expected.

When these very special visitors do leave for their homeland, we know it won't be without regrets. "It's surprising how close you can get in such a short time," says Maxine. "I now have six children. Three of them happen to live in Ireland."

Hopefully, the Lavelle children will receive as warm and enthusiastic a welcome when they have an opportunity to travel abroad.

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THE BRIDE CUTS THE CAKE. Mrs. Sigrid Johnson, celebrating her 60th wedding anniversary with husband Ronald, slices a piece of the happy couple's wedding cake following a second marital ceremony at Heritage Hall. Photo by Jack Devine.



THE GROOM FEEDS THE BRIDE. Ronald Johnson gives his wife Sigrid a hand-fed piece of wedding cake at Heritage Hall. Ron is 89 and Sigrid is 90.

Photo by Jack Devine.

Johnsons Celebrate 60th Anniversary

By Rita White

Anyone meeting Ronald and Sigrid Johnson would find it hard to believe that she is 90 and he is 89. As if these two charming people hadn't accomplished a great deal by being so alert and with the world as well as active, they have been married sixty years.

Ronald and Sigrid both came from Worcester originally where they had met at the Plymouth Church. When they married in 1921, they arranged it so that they were the same age for the wedding.

They came to West Springfield where Ronald continued his career as a salesman. He went to work for the W.J. Foss Company, but didn't stay a salesman long as he was soon made assistant manager and then manager. He has been with the firm over forty years and still maintains an interest in it.

The Johnsons had one son, John, who resides in West Springfield. They now have three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

They live now at Heritage Hall in Agawam, where the sign on their door reads "Just Married." The phrase is appropriate as they recently decided to renew their marriage vows.

What keeps a marriage going sixty years? The Johnsons say there are no big secrets. They made it through two depressions taking the good and the bad and trying to balance them out. They didn't overspend, but they did get to travel a lot.

Sigrid came from the old school where holidays meant taking the rugs and beating them along with other big housecleaning tasks. Ronald told her he "didn't get married to beat rugs and clean house," so they traveled. They've been to approximately 35 states and seven provinces of Canada.

Sigrid says it's been a "good life."

I think the key word to the happiness of these two is devotion. They are really devoted to each other. Sigrid got tears in her eyes when she read aloud the sentimental note Ronald had written on the anniversary card he gave her last year.

They are a true inspiration to us all and we wish them many more years of happiness together.

Local Granges To Honor D.A. Ryan

Granges of the western area of Massachusetts will hold their annual grange-church service at the Grange Building on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition on Sunday, August 23, at 3 p.m.

Following the service, Pioneer Valley Pomona Grange will present its second Award for Public Service to District Attorney Matthew J. Ryan Jr.

A family man, father of five children, Ryan was educated at Monson Academy, University of Massachusetts and Georgetown School of Law. He served in the U.S. Air Force and coordinated political campaigns for both John and Robert Kennedy in New Jersey.

Ryan has been district attorney for Hampden County since 1958 and is an outspoken man in the field of law enforcement.

The entire program is open to the public, and friends of Mr. Ryan are invited to join grange members at the presentation of this honor. All are urged to bring a picnic lunch and stay for the ceremonies.

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"On The Clothesline"



By Penny Stone

Congratulations to AL & SUE PECKHAM of 30 Randall Street, Agawam, who celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on Sunday, August 2nd. A party was given in their honor by their four children - DALE, KAREN, JACK and MARLA. Many friends and relatives attended the surprise party which was hosted by LES and DALE MELANSON at their Seymour Avenue home.

Al has been involved with the Shriner's Hospital for many years and Sue's main interests are silk and metal needlework. The couple have eight grandchildren. May you both enjoy another 40 years of marriage.

Contemporaries of SCOTT BROWN, son of MR. AND MRS. NOEL E. BROWN of 466 North West Street, might like to know that Scott has recently graduated from the New York State Police Academy and is working out of the Fishkill Barracks in upper New York State.

The 1975 Agawam High grad enjoys hockey and played for the Springfield Pics for two years and then for the Flying Eagles, who then was ranked number one in Division Two. He studied law enforcement at the now co-educational, Elmira College in New York where his scores on various exams showed he had a definite aptitude for police work.

In New York, where he maintains a residence, Scott has found himself doing everything from traffic patrol to homicide. Though his schedule is quite unpredictable and he is always on call, he still finds time to get home for regular visits.

Good luck in your new career, Scott.

Christened this past Sunday at St. Theresa's Church in North Agawam was CHRISTOPHER LEE, son of CHERYL and CURT FENNYERY of 18 Randall Street, Agawam.

Christopher was born on June 28th, "twelve days before my 25th wedding anniversary - what a nice present," remarks NANCY HALLBAUER, the baby's maternal grandmother. She and JOHN live at 63 Woodside Drive and are just thrilled with their first grandchild.

Other grandparents present for the special event were MRS. EDITH FENNYERY of Springfield (Christopher is her 12th grand offspring) and great-grandmothers MRS. ANN FLAHERTY and MRS. FLORENCE HALLBAUER, both of Holyoke. The baby's aunt, NANCY HALLBAUER of 63 Woodside Drive, served as godmother while RUS FRODEMA, a close friend and resident of Springfield, was chosen godfather. Christopher's 10 1/2 year old UNCLE MARK was happy to assist with the service as a junior alter boy.

Best wishes to little Chris and to the three generations standing behind him.

Talent scouts, beware! PAUL HARLIN of 123 Robin Ridge Drive has been humming the theme song from "My Three Sons" for the past three weeks, ever since his wife MARLENE gave birth to their third boy, SCOTT PAUL. Arriving on July 23rd, weighing 8 pounds, 5 ounces, Scott measured 20 inches long and reportedly has "fuzzy hair." "Finally, I got one that isn't bald," jokes Mom.

Dad noted his large hands and feet and hopes he'll take after himself. Anybody seen a rattle shaped like a golf club?

Grandparents to this bundle of joy are MARGARET & EDMUND PERIGARD of Milford, CT., and PAUL & ALVERA HARLIN, also of Milford. Eighty-seven year old MARGARET MOLINEK of Waterbury, CT., is great-grandmother to Scott. Her baby gift was a sofa bed which she bought for the family so she could have a place to sleep when she comes to visit.

Scott's brothers, 5 1/2-year-old RYAN and 3-year-old JEFFREY "have apparently accepted him so far," says Mom. "They keep coming in every hour to check and see if I'm taking care of him."

If you're in the market for repairs or REcreation, you might want to consider the new husband and wife team of TERRY & SANDY CRIPPS. This Silver Lake Drive couple has joined forces (and expertise) and started a new venture which they call The Workshop. Having opened in June, the young pair has been all over town doing various types of home repairs.

According to Sandy, together they take down walls, build sun decks and patios, rebuild stairs, paint houses, or literally do anything the customer can't do him/herself. "No job is too small," says Sandy. "We'll even install air conditioners."

"It's amazing how well we're working together," Sandy adds. "Marriage Encounter has a lot to do with our success."



CELEBRATING THEIR 40TH anniversary are the Peckham's, Al and Sue. See Clothesline.

Agawam Man Promoted By TNB

Richard W. Kozak of Agawam was one of four employees to receive promotions recently at Third National Bank, according to C.D. Harrington, Jr., president.

A graduate of Western New England College with a bachelor's degree in accounting, Kozak joined the bank in February, 1973, as leader in the profit control group.

He was appointed general ledger manager in September, 1978, and accountant/financial analyst in 1979. This most recent promotion is to accounting officer.

A member of the Holyoke Elks Club, he resides with his wife Cynthia here in town.

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The second annual barbeque and picnic of St. John the Evangelist Church will be held on Sunday, August 30, from 1 to 5 p.m. at St. John's Field on Leonard Street.

The Agawam Lions' Club will prepare and serve the barbeque with a menu that includes a half chicken, french fries, salad, roll with butter, and a beverage. For those under 12, the portion of chicken will be smaller with the remainder of the meal the same.

Tickets are priced at \$3.75 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12. They may be purchased in advance following masses or at the rectory. No tickets will be sold after August 26.

Hot dogs and hamburgs will be available at the field on the day of the outing as well as hot and cold beverages, including adult beverages for those who desire them.

A full slate of field events is scheduled with softball getting underway at 11:30 a.m. and other events beginning at 1 o'clock. Food will be served from 12 to 4 o'clock. Those who attend are asked to bring lawn chairs or blankets.

Fr. Karl Huller is honorary chairman of this event, with Bob Griffen and Penny DeForge serving as co-chairmen. They will be assisted by Ray Lizewski and Rudy Altobelli with beverages; John Nahajlo and John Anderson with adult beverages; Ed Coffey with food preparation; Dick Atkinson, Tom Morse, and Bernie Paine, with field preparations; Linda Lizewski with field events; Emile Grenier with field supplies; Barbara Gingras with finance; Dick Rieker with parking; Pauline Wright with prizes; Phil DeForge with publicity; and Barbara Gingras and Jean Trehey with tickets.

In case of rain, the event will be held in the Parish Social Center.

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FORMER GOVERNOR MICHAEL DUKAKIS, who is taking on incumbent Governor Edward King in 1982, chats with well-known Agawam Democrat Rudy Altobelli. Altobelli has scheduled a local reception for Dukakis at the American Legion Hall on Springfield Street on August 22. Dukakis is hoping for strong support from area Democrats to unseat King.

Reception Planned For Dukakis

A local reception will be held for former governor Michael Dukakis, who is seeking reelection to the office of Governor of Massachusetts this year.

The event will take place on August 22nd at the American Legion Hall on Springfield Street. Tickets may be obtained through Rudy Altobelli or from members of the committee: Mary Kennedy (787-5401); Bill Quinn (786-7095); Paul Cavallo (786-7682); or Marie Mazza (786-4200).

Feeding Hills Man To Call For Festival Square Dance

The dream for many years of a group of dedicated and enthusiastic square dancers from Western Massachusetts is finally to become a reality with the formation of "Folk Dance '81," a dance exhibition team sponsored by the Western Massachusetts Square and Round Dance Cooperation Committee to be directed by Robert Turnbull of Feeding Hills.

The Carmel Lane resident is the caller and teacher for the Hi-Lighters Square Dance Club in Feeding Hills and past president of the Springfield Area Callers Association.

The team, comprised of three dozen square and round dancers from area clubs, have been rehearsing since last April and will perform in September at the Chicopee Kielbasa Festival.

Folk Dance '81 will perform in costume through dance the history and ethnic background of square dancing in the Connecticut Valley, which is truly the American Folk Dance.

Much of the rich heritage of what is today's western-style square dancing and round dancing began in New England. The French, in the late 1700's, brought their quadrilles to America, and the Englishmen brought their contras or line dances in the early 1800's. This blend of dance along with the couple type of dancing such as the minuet, waltz, and schottische blended to become the country dance now known as traditional or eastern style. Finally, in the 1950's, the western-style square dancing and round dancing emerged.

Folk Dance '81 will cover five periods of history in original dance, music, and dress, the quadrilles, contras, country dance, eastern style, and western style. Coupled along with this will be the evolution of the round dance from the minuet and waltz to the popular and classic round dances of today. These will be danced to the tunes of familiar songs.

Research into the dress of the different years took almost six months, using books from city libraries, the research library at the Minuteman National Park in Lexington, and interviews with some of the old-time dancing instructors. Some members of the team visited Sturbridge Village and Colonial Williamsburg in Virginia to seek out information on the dress, customs, and styles of dancing done almost 200 years ago.

Making of the costumes is taking nearly a day and a half for each dancer's outfit and, when completed, will have a value of nearly one hundred dollars each.

Music was a problem from some of the old dances as no recording of the music was possible or available. Fortunately, sheet music was available and musicians gratefully volunteered to play while recordings were made of the music needed for the quadrille, schottische, and the country dance.

Many of the dancers have dual roles as they are also the people doing the producing, directing, teaching, designing, and sewing of costumes, recording of sound, and all other necessary jobs needed to put on this production.

The Chicopee Kielbasa Festival is slated for Saturday, September 12th.

For Senior Citizens... New Beginnings

By Rita White

Hope all you seniors are holding up during all this heat. We all know what running the air conditioners does to our electric bills. Try sharing your air. A couple of friends could plan on spending a couple of afternoons together - one day at one home, another day at the other home. And don't forget the air conditioned Senior Center and our public library.

Welcome home to Angie Bachelder, who spent a terrific week in Oregon where she saw her 9-month-old great-grandson Dylan for the first time. She couldn't be any prouder. And what a remarkable lady. She even did a painting while she was gone, in one day! It's a beauty. Next time you're at the Senior Center, stop and take a look at the seascape. Angie promises a lot more to come. She took a lot of pictures in Oregon and can't wait to take up her brushes.

Don't forget the blood pressure clinic on August 18.

Sunday, August 16th, there will be a card party at the Senior Center from 1 to 2 p.m. then there will be dancing to the Fats Daniels Band from 2 to 3 o'clock. Refreshments will be provided by the committee.

Don't forget to try a "New Wrinkle" the special Sunday brunch for seniors at the Encore. Premiere date is August 23 at noon. After brunch, there will be dancing to the "Music of your Life." Don't miss the fun.

Happy Birthday to Anna Gilbert (14th) and Augusta Blanchard (16th).

The Senior Center drama group has started working on a production which should be ready by Thanksgiving. But they need more people. They need singers, dancers, actors, people to work sets, costumes, makeup, etc. Stop in Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m. and join the fun.

Come along and join the fun
There's always something to be done.
Cast your cares and worries away
Just try to laugh and sing today.

Rita White

OBITUARIES

ANNA M. BONAVITA

Anna M. (Calabrese) Bonavita, 62, of Springfield died Thursday, August 6, 1981, at Mercy Hospital.

Born in Agawam, she made her home in Springfield for forty years and was a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church and Our Lady of Grace Society Auxiliary.

The widow of Joseph S. Bonavita, former city councilor in Springfield, she leaves several relatives in Agawam along with her sons Albert of Springfield and Joseph of Hampden, a daughter Margaret Lococo of Springfield, four sisters, Philomena Albano of Enfield, Rose Rashella of Springfield, Nancy Barbero and Peggy Bonavita both of Agawam.

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St. Anthony's Observes Feast



The fourth degree Knights of Columbus Color Guard of Archbishop Williams Assembly attended festivities at St. Anthony of Padua Church recently in honor of the Feast of Corpus Christi. The group is comprised of men from Agawam and neighboring towns. Photo by Jack Devine.

Greek Center Plans Glendi '81

Springfield's fourth annual Greek celebration, Glendi '81, will be held at the Greek Cultural Center on September 11, 12, and 13 to feature Greek arts, music, dance, foods, fashions, and sports.

Three major art exhibitions will be displayed along with a presentation of the Marionette Theatre of Peter Arnott, chairman of the drama department at Tufts University, and a color slide presentation by Caroline Houser, whose display was a highlight of Glendi '80.

Opening this year's celebration will be a 10,000 meter road race sanctioned by the AAU set for 11 a.m. on Saturday, September 12.

The Agora, the Greek marketplace, will feature stalls filled with hundreds of new items from Greece including porcelains, blue cobalt vases, clothing and jewelry along with things to be found in a typical Greek village country store.

Greek music and dancing will take place as well as a performance by the Glendi Chorale and a program by a Springfield Symphony Orchestra trio.

Historic tours of neo-Gothic St. George Cathedral will be conducted hourly. Daily luncheons and dinners will also be served featuring Glendi special foods.

The Glendi '81 fashion show will take place on Wednesday, September 16 at Chez Josef in Agawam co-sponsored by the Albert Steiger Company. A social hour and hors d'oeuvres will precede a filet mignon dinner followed by the show of fall fashions.

Glendi '81 is sponsored by the Western Massachusetts Greek Orthodox Cathedral of St. George and is funded in part by a grant from the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities.

For further information, contact James Shenas at 737-1496 or Lee Sheridan at 267-9615.



Mercury and Venus do not have any moons.



The Florist's Touch

By Phyllis Hout
Feeding Hills
Florist

How well plants grow depends on how much natural light reaches them. If shade trees and shrubs surround the home, their branches will cut down on the amount of light that enters the windows. A house next door will block light, and the direction in which a window faces will determine the quality of light coming through it.

Windowsills or window shelves are favorite places to grow plants, but contrary to what many people think, direct sunlight is not always best for houseplants. In fact, it may burn the foliage of some plants. Only plants that require intense light - such as cyclamen, gardenia, geranium, waxplant, jade, and others grown mostly for flowers - should be grown in full sunlight, which means a window facing south.

East or west windows, which receive morning or afternoon sun, suit African Violets, flame violets, fasia, bromeliads, and many orchids.

In windows receiving north light, that is bright light but no direct sunlight, are fine for growing foliage plants such as philodendrum.

Bright light exposure just beyond the reaches of the sun's rays is suitable for most large, tree-like decorative plants such as umbrella tree, figs, bamboo palm, and some ferns.

No matter what exposure plants are given, they should be turned occasionally to keep their growth erect. Plants have a natural tendency to lean toward the light.

Polish Festivals Slated In Spfld.

Dozynski, the traditional Polish Festival of Thanksgiving for the gifts of the harvest, will take place on Saturday and Sunday, August 15 and 16, at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Springfield.

A prelude to the festival is scheduled at all masses on the Feast of the Assumption, when Polish people traditionally gather to honor Our Lady of Herbs and Flowers bringing plants of the season to mass to be blessed.

A \$5 admission charge to the festivities will include a wide variety of Polish food, a small loaf of bread as a symbol of the harvest, and dancing to a polka band. Tickets are available from parishioners or the rectory and will not be sold at the door.

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EDITORIAL

Recognizing The Town Volunteers

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The lifeboat of any community rests with the volunteers who freely donate their time and energies to the betterment of the community at-large.

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We seek help from the publicity chairpersons of each respective group or organization. We know who you are, but we need additional information on your club history, functions and the many benefits received by the community.

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Guest Editorial...

Moreno Refutes Gallano Claims

By Valentine R. Moreno
President, Citizens For Good Government

Mr. Gallano is a talker, which makes him a perfect mate for our Manager Bowen.

I will demand a public apology when the accountant states Yes, the Water Department has surpluses in each of the last six years. That is all I ever claimed.

If my figures are so wrong, how come the manager and the council agreed with my figures that are contained in the petition being circulated, and that the petition shouldn't have been needed if they knew what they were doing?

If Mr. Gallano had taken the time to do some homework, he wouldn't have made himself the manager's tool to strike back at Moreno.

Mr. Gallano is bragging that he will shut me up once and for-all, in other words, discredit me. He will never make it because he just uses words, calls me names, but never anything factual.

An accountant can't change the figures. Agawam's records are complete and certified to. If the special accountant comes back with figures that differ from the town's records, he should not be paid.

His only job is, or at least should be, to verify if the records show the surpluses I have claimed are in the records. Anything else would be items of budget that the council may or may not have approved.

NOTE: What has Mr. Gallano, got against good government?

Letters to the Editor

[The following letter to officials in Town Hall is printed here at the request of Mr. and Mrs. Algot V. Olson Jr.]

I would like to know how many other residents of Agawam have the same problems as I have. I feel there is something wrong with the government of this town and the people that work here.

I have to date paid all my bills, kept my property in good clean condition, including town property that abuts here and near my apartments.

I will cite a few examples that have cost me several hundreds of dollars from my pockets and would like an answer as to what else can go against me.

1. Enclosed there is a check for \$109.61 to pay the back taxes on Lot C on Maynard St. containing .22 acres. I purchased this lot from Parent on October, 1979. I called the town in 1980 and the answer to where is my tax bill was, it had been taken care of. Now in 1981 I find out that the town never corrected their records and only by my persistence I get a bill for back taxes, but also \$10.45 charges plus \$21.56 interest. All of this I have had no control over and I still don't know if this lot has been recorded in my name or not. It had been recorded at the register's office on Oct. 2, 1979 - Book 4840, Page 362. I sure hope the Town of Agawam can get their records straight. It is now going on two years.

Please advise me if I have to do more or it will cost me more to get this matter cleared up.

Note: The tax charges on this property seem to be out of reason. First, it is not big enough to build on, only 9,583 ft. sq. and second, I couldn't build on it and be within zoning codes on front, back, and side lot dimensions.

What do I have to do here to file for a tax rebate? I won three other pieces in town, one larger and two smaller, and the largest tax bill is \$12.38 for 1980.

2. The second problem that I would like to bring to your attention is the sewer system on Corey Street. It has backed up into my apartments at 469 and 475 three times: Dec., 1978; Dec., 1979; and Feb., 1981. The next time the Town of Agawam will pay all expenses to clean up the basements because as of now it has cost me plenty for these three above.

3. Another problem that I have with the town is water meters. First, at my apartments on Corey St. I was receiving and paying bills of \$30 to \$40 for each building. In Feb., 1980, I received a bill of \$844.72. This was hard to take. Per the Town of Agawam, the meter had been misread, read as 5 digits instead of 6, therefore I had to pay all back water bills, which I did.

Now I have outside reading meters and the meter readers still are not reading them each time. I now have an estimated bill for my house, which also has an outside meter, actual reading for 475 Corey St., and an estimated bill for 469 Corey St. What's the matter here; can't we read a meter when it is in plain sight or am I going to get hit with another large water bill, which I'll pay very slowly over a long period of time.

4. Something else that has me irritated is the trash pick-up system here in the Town of Agawam. First, at my apartments I have a dumpster that I pay to have emptied. This saves the town several dollars a year and I'm afraid the tenants would make a mess with trash barrels. At my house on Maynard St., I do use the trash pick-up. We do not have sewers so I have to put my garbage in with my rubbish as garbage will not decompose in a septic tank and in time will plug it up. Naturally, the town does not maintain my septic tank system so I'll continue to put it in with the rubbish and hope the smell does not get too bad between the two week pick-ups.

Several years ago I purchased three large (45 gal.) trash containers for my rubbish. I know that if the containers are full, they could be heavy so I make sure that they are never over ¾ full. Using this method, I end up with no trash in the street in front of my house, no dogs tipping them over and it has been satisfactory for 7 or 8 years. Now, today, the trash was not picked up and I can only assume it was because of the size of the container.

As I drove out my driveway this A.M., I looked around at other containers on the street. Most were overflowing, more than 30 gals., tipped over, bags torn open by dogs, and what a mess. I looked back at mine and it was neat with the containers only ¾ full, weighing less than the ones overflowing and still mine were not picked up as was everyone else's.

I am going out and buy three 30 gallon containers so the size will fit your needs, but any and all trash, garbage, etc. will go into them and I won't care about weight. Maybe then someone will strain their back and the town will have a good bill to pay.

I'm sorry I feel the way I do, but the government of this town sure could use a good overhaul, new people from the top down or what, I don't know, but I can be sure of one thing, the Town of Agawam will hear more from me.

Algot V. Olson, Jr.
168 Maynard Street, Feeding Hills

NOTICE

AGAWAM RESIDENTS REFUSE COLLECTION REGULATIONS

1. All refuse must be in containers with the following two exceptions.

A. Brush and hedge trimmings may be TIED in bundles not exceeding four feet in length and fifty pounds in weight.

B. Newspapers and flattened cardboard boxes may be TIED securely in bundles weighing less than thirty pounds and having no dimension greater than thirty-six inches.

2. Allowable containers are: metal or plastic containers having a maximum capacity of 30 gallons and TWO handles, one on each side; or PLASTIC bags having a maximum capacity of 7 cubic feet. No cardboard boxes or paper bags may be used.

3. All refuse to be collected shall be placed at the treebelt by 7:00 A.M. of the scheduled collection day.

4. Refuse means the solid wastes generated from the operation of a household including garbage, lawn clippings, leaves, hedge trimmings and brush, but specifically excluding tires, tubes, stumps, trees or parts thereof, automobile bodies and motors or parts thereof, metal pipes, demolition waste and bulky wastes.

5. During the months of May through September inclusive garbage shall not be placed loosely in barrels, but shall be wrapped in paper or placed in closed bags within the barrel.

6. Containers should not be loaded to such weight that they can not be lifted by one man.

7. Residents that experience problems with the collection service may telephone the Department of Public Works at 786-0400 or the collection contractor, Commercial Disposal Co. at 737-3244.



After a glorious vacation, the return to reality can be a jolt. During vacation, bills may pile up—while bank accounts take a dive. Children grow up—and out—of their clothes. The problems you went on vacation to forget haven't left. Consider what might await you.

You come back from vacation to find the electric company is going to turn off your lights if payment isn't received within 48 hours.

You need to transfer funds from one bank to another to cover unexpected vacation expenses.

Your Homeowner's policy has lapsed.

Your charge cards are about to be revoked.

You discover that you and your spouse have both written checks to cover the plumbing repairs (which is why you extended your vacation). You need to stop payment on one of the checks.

You've just ordered \$500 worth of back-to-school clothes by phone and you're not sure the order was taken correctly.

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Happy Quilting

By Suzanne Ashe
Of The Piecemakers Quilt Shop

By Cherie Fifield
Of The Piecemakers Quilt Shop

[This is the first of a two-part article on the pieced quilt. Next week's section will detail three methods of piecing.]

Of the two basic methods of constructing a quilt - piecing or applique - the pieced quilt is probably the most popular. This is mainly due to the fact that because it consists of sewing two pieces of material together instead of embroidering and applique pieces of smaller material onto a larger square, a pieced quilt can usually be finished in less time than an appliqued one.

The piecing is usually done by machine, although it may also be done by hand for those who still get greater satisfaction out of making their quilts entirely without any machine stitching.

The blocks in a pieced quilt, which are composed of several smaller pieces of material in whatever shape or shapes are needed to form a square, can either be sewn together with or without strips between them. For a continuous pattern, no strips would be used. Each finished block would be sewn to another making it difficult to tell where one block stops and another starts.

For a pattern where you want to set off each block, strips of material usually two or three inches in width are used to completely surround each block.

Many pieced quilts also have a contrasting or coordinating border around them. This border is usually wider than the strips, although several borders in the same width as the strips may be added instead of one wide one. The possibilities are limited only by one's lack of imagination!

Size of the borders, strips, and even the blocks themselves will be determined by the actual finished size quilt you desire. Contrary to popular belief, there is really no set standard size for any quilt. One person may want a quilt for her double bed that will drop to the floor while another may want one for her queen-sized bed that only drops a few inches past the mattress so she can use a dust ruffle. In this case, it is entirely possible that both quilts, even though for two different size beds, will be approximately the same finished size.

To find out the exact size you will need, you must measure the bed the quilt will go on. You will need the measurement of the width of the bed, adding the amount of drop you want on each side. Then you will also need the measurement of the length of the bed, adding the amount of drop at the foot of the bed and adding the appropriate measurement at the head of the bed to cover pillows, if you do not plan to use shams.

Once you have the exact measurements, you can then proceed to figure out what size blocks you will need as well as the size strips and borders. Where the measurements are off by a few inches, adding or subtracting borders and/or strips can usually make it close enough to the exact size required so that it will not be too short or too long.

One thing that should be remembered no matter what style or method of quilt you will be making is that it is imperative that you use the best quality materials you can find. Best quality doesn't necessarily mean the most expensive as many quality fabrics can be found at very reasonable prices, especially if they are on sale.

Although most quilts are made of cotton or cotton blend fabrics, others such as velvet or satin can also be used. Whatever type fabric you decide to use, it should have a good tight weave to prevent it from wearing thin after repeated washings and use. None of the quilts that have been around for years and years could have withstood the wear and tear they took unless they were made of quality fabrics. And with the better quality of fabrics available to us today, we have a much greater advantage than women who made quilts years ago did. In this particular instance, that old saying about getting what you pay for really does hold true!

Once you have selected the design and material for your quilt, you will be ready to mark your material for the different pieces you will need to piece together each block. For each separate piece, you will need a pattern or template to trace around. These templates can be made from a number of materials - sturdy cardboard, flexible plastic, and pre-cut templates are just a few.

When using cardboard templates, a piece of fine-grain sandpaper cut to the exact size of the shape and glued to the back will help prevent the template from slipping on the fabric as you draw around it. Most metal templates come with a rough side to them for just this purpose. Nothing is more frustrating than discovering that some of your pieces are not the proper size because the template moved while you were tracing around it.

[Next week: three basic methods of piecing.]

YOUR GARDEN



Japanese Beetles - first documented in the U.S. in southern New Jersey in 1916 - have spread to 23

states. And the U.S. Department of Agriculture warns

they are steadily increasing their sphere of operations.



These destructive garden pests have a voracious appetite and eagerly devour at least 275 different varieties of flowers, plants, vegetables, even tree blossoms. They're particularly fond of roses. Since the Japanese Beetle is an alien to North America, it has few natural enemies here.

Fortunately, these creatures have one enemy they hadn't planned on when they invaded our shores: a non-toxic trap designed

with a unique lure that appeals to both their sex and hunger drives. The Bag-A-Bug Japanese Beetle Trap

does a bang-up job bagging beetles, yet poses no harmful side effects and doesn't endanger pets, birds or useful insects. The lures on the traps attract beetles from as far off as 100 yards. The beetles fly into the plastic bags where they quickly suffocate.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Wide Horizons Validated By State Dept. of Education

On August 4th, the WIDE HORIZONS Project in the Agawam Public Schools was validated by the Massachusetts Department of Education. The state validates school projects - such as WIDE HORIZONS - which it considers educationally successful, cost-effective and worthy of adoption by other school systems. Validation gives WIDE HORIZONS the opportunity to share its practices and materials with schools across Massachusetts.

The validation team, which included Mark Kaufman of Beverly, Raymond Martin of Needham and Judith Souweine of Amherst, met at Robinson Park School on August 4th with WIDE HORIZONS director Ginia Allison and the project staff.

The team examined the WIDE HORIZONS curriculum materials, called "cultural kits," which use the resources of the Science Museum, the Quadrangle Art Museums and Storowton Village Museum to teach topics in science, social studies, language arts, etc.

The team also talked with participants from the Agawam schools, including Barbara Skolnick, principal of Robinson Park School, and Josephine Whitehead, a Peirce School teacher. The team ended its validation review with a look at the WIDE HORIZONS evaluation data, which proved that Agawam teachers have learned about local cultural resources, and how to use those resources to teach basic subjects, and Agawam elementary students, using the "cultural kits" developed by teachers, have improved their knowledge of the basics.

The validated WIDE HORIZONS Project will continue in the Agawam elementary schools in the coming school year. The project will receive additional monies from the state for the 1982-83 school year, so that other Massachusetts school systems will have the opportunity to learn about and use the WIDE HORIZONS process and "cultural kits."

Granger Teacher Attends Workshop On Gifted

Ann Favreau, kindergarten teacher at Granger School, has recently participated in a two-week summer workshop at the University of Connecticut for people interested in gifted and talented education.

This experience, called Confratute, brings together the best aspects of a conference and an institute. Lectures were presented by the nation's best known leaders in the area of gifted child education and creativity along with a series of mini-courses designed to provide systematic instruction for identifying gifted and talented youth and developing teaching strategies and materials to deal with them.

Other topic workshops dealt with the culturally disadvantaged gifted, career guidance for the gifted, and working with parents of the gifted. A comprehensive materials fair was available for use by all participants.

Camp Millbrook Begins Final Session

Camp Millbrook, a day camp owned and operated by the Metropolitan Springfield YMCA, begins its final two-week session on August 10th.

Located on Perry Lane, Agawam, this camp offers a variety of activities such as nature and campcraft, arts and crafts, adventure, daily swimming, and bi-weekly overnights with applicable field trips.

Camp Director Kathryn Zingg says, "I feel that this has been our most successful summer and am particularly pleased with our newly constructed Adventure Course which is quite extensive and our Nature Lodge. Both these things have allowed us to enhance our philosophy of outdoor orientation."

Applications are still being accepted for fourth session. Programs are available for 3 and 4 year olds in the half-day unit as well as a full-day program for five year olds which emphasizes preschool learning. Camp Millbrook ranges in groups from 6 to 14 years old.

For further information call the YMCA Youth Services Division at 739-6951, ext. 252.



In ancient Rome, unmarried girls were prohibited by law from wearing pearls. Instead, the pearls were worn by young men, who placed the pearls in tiny bells which, hanging from their ears, tinkled gaily.

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Scholarship winner Frank Mastromatteo, III, left, with his dad, Frank Jr., right.

Mastromatteo Wins Scholarship

Frank Mastromatteo, 3rd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mastromatteo, Jr. of 19 Harding Street, Agawam, has been awarded a \$950 scholarship that memorializes the founders of the corporate parent of the Strathmore Paper Company, where his father is employed.

Awarded annually to offspring of Strathmore employees, the scholarships memorialize E.R. Behrend, who with his father, founded the Hammermill Paper Company of Erie, Pennsylvania. Strathmore is a division of Hammermill paper.

Mastromatteo is a graduate of Agawam High School and will begin his sophomore year at the University of Hartford where he is majoring in commercial art. This is his second year as a Behrend Scholarship recipient.

The elder Mastromatteo is a member of Strathmore's padding department in Westfield. He has been with the firm for twelve years.

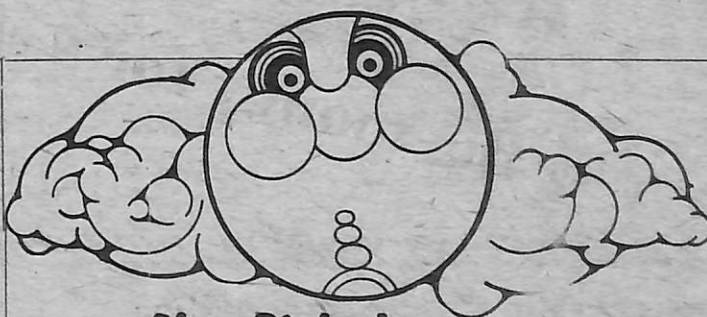
Juniors Slate Annual School Bus Tour

Agawam Police Safety Officer Alfred Longhi in conjunction with the Agawam Junior Women's Club will offer a School Bus Safety Orientation on Friday, August 21st for children who will be riding school buses for the first time.

Sgt. Longhi urges parents to bring their children to the Community Room of the Agawam Public Library for a "Winnie-the-Pooh" safety filmstrip. The Juniors' Safety Bug will then take the children outside for instruction on how to wait safely for and board the school bus.

This filmstrip will be shown at 10:30, 11:30, 12:30 and 1:30 with the bus ride immediately following.

Open to kindergarten students and all other new bus riders, this program is designed to acquaint students with the layout of the bus and the appropriate safety rules before that important first day of school.



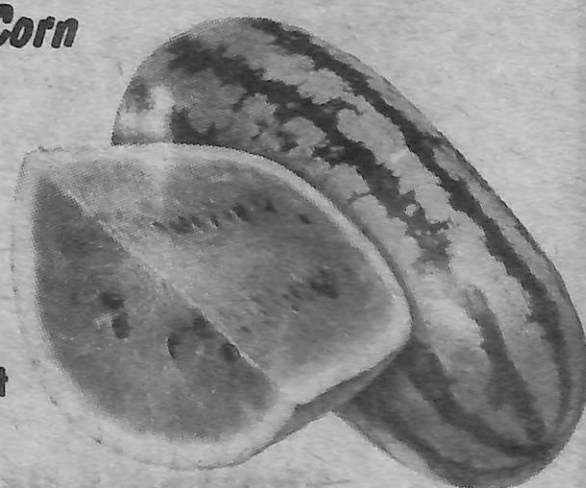
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Registry Inspects School Buses



JUST TO PROVE THAT THE OPENING OF SCHOOL is not far off, the Registry of Motor Vehicles conducted their annual inspection of school buses operated by DePalma Motors of Feeding Hills. Taking a good look-see over the bus fleet are Registry officials Kazmier Kozlowski and Arthur Sattler. Photo by Jack Devine.

Laughing Brook Offers Nature/Art Courses

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden is offering two nature/art courses for adults and children.

A three-week Art and Kids program begins Wednesday, August 19, at 10 a.m. for children in grades 4-7. The hour and a half sessions will develop skills in both art and natural history observation. Birds, leaves and mammals are among the topics to be covered.

For adults, Art, Nature and You meets on three Wednesday afternoons beginning August 19 at 12:30. Trees, mammals and landscapes will focus new students on the techniques of sketching and details about the subjects covered.

Both courses are taught by Kay Kudlinski of Springfield, a talented artist and volunteer Audubon teacher. Registration for the sketching course is limited and fees are charged. Art paper and pencils will be provided by Laughing Brook.

For more information, call the sanctuary at 566-8034.



El Capitan, guardian of the entrance to Yosemite Valley, is the largest visible granite rock in the world. It shoots 3700 feet up from the floor of the valley.

Help Provided For Diabetic Pets

In an effort to promote quality health care for diabetic pets, M.S.P.C.A.'s Rowley Memorial Animal Hospital has teamed up with a professional group facilitator/organizer, Ms. Martha Belden.

On August 11th, another in a continuing series of meetings was held to discuss the difficulty of owning a diabetic pet. Topics under discussion were who can care for your pet if you want to go away or are hospitalized, what to do if your pet resists injections, and how to keep others from feeding in-between meal snacks to your pet.

During these meetings, the group attempts to find solutions to these and other problems that face owners of diabetic pets. Meetings are open to the public free of charge.

Anyone interested in attending may contact Dr. Frost at 785-1221 or Martha Belden at 1-568-2216.

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Camp Rainbow music and nature teacher Maureen Conroy, left, observes Craig Dore trying to chew crackers and whistle simultaneously at a recent Games Day in which the Agawam camp played host to Camp For Kids from Westfield. Photo by Jack Devine.

Camp Rainbow Concludes Season

Camp Rainbow, Agawam's summer camp for special needs students, will conclude its seven-week season with its annual family picnic for campers and their families this Friday.

Along with the usual hamburgs and hot dogs, there will be many potluck dishes and special desserts prepared by the campers and parents. A crowd of 150 is expected to take part in these festivities.

Highlights of the final week of camp were the third annual Camp Rainbow Bowling Classic and an Olympic Games Day with Camp For Kids from Westfield.

The games day was held last Tuesday at the state pool where Camp Rainbow has been fortunate to enjoy swimming privileges all summer. Officials at the camp consistently commend the pool staff for maintaining a clean and efficient swimming facility for which the town can be proud.

Throughout the summer, 48 students and 25 staff members enjoyed themselves tremendously with educational, social and recreational activities at the camp. It is expected that Camp Rainbow will operate again next summer.



Talking about Death with Children

An exceptional audio-visual program, "Talking about Death with Children", was developed by Dr. Earl Grollman to explain basic concepts that can lead youngsters to a healthy understanding of death. This program is now part of our audio-visual library. And we're pleased to be able to offer it to individual families for their private viewing, and to teachers and health care professionals for use in classrooms and seminars.

Children as young as three may benefit from the message the program so sensitively portrays. It also provides an excellent guide for adults, not only in what to tell children about death, but how to tell them and what they can be expected to comprehend.

If you'd like more information on this outstanding A-V program, please feel free to call us at any time.

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Recent Local Nursing Graduates



Among forty recent graduates of Baystate Medical Center's School of Nursing are Linda Menard of Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, (left) Gregory Klaus of Belvidere Avenue, Feeding Hills, and Barbara Niemiec of Valentine Street, Agawam. Baystate Medical offers the only three-year, hospital-based school of nursing in Western Massachusetts.

Library Slates Family Film

The free family film scheduled for Thursday, August 13th, at the Agawam Public Library is *Gus*, a Walt Disney comedy in which a mule gives a losing pro-football team a boost to the Super Bowl. Showtime is 7 p.m.

On Thursday, August 20, Bogart fans may enjoy *The African Queen*, the tale of a captain of a small river steamer and the prim sister of a missionary who begin a long trip fleeing from a village just destroyed by the Germans. Showtime is 7 p.m.

All of these films in this series are free and open to the general public.

Dairy Marts Will Promote Muscular Dystrophy Fund

Area Dairy Marts will be sponsoring a canister promotion to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Each store will be awarding Milton Bradley Microvision games as first prize; AM/FM headphones as second prize; and Whammo frisbees as third prize. Many in-store prizes to participants raising the most money will also be awarded.

Those interested can pick up a collection canister at their local Dairy Mart. Help Dairy Mart fight Muscular Dystrophy.

Westfield State Activities

A giant tag and bake sale, sponsored by the staff of Westfield State College, will be held on Saturday, August 29, on the campus. This sale is for the benefit of the college's new Interfaith Center fund drive.

Westfield State College is conducting a drive to raise \$100,000 to fund the construction of the center to provide religious and spiritual services to the nearly 3,000 undergraduate students enrolled annually at the college. Over sixty percent of these students reside on campus.

The tag and bake sale will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in front of Wilson Hall.

Incoming students for the fall semester who have not secured on-campus housing will soon begin their search for apartments or rooms in private homes in the Westfield area.

WSC is asking the cooperation of residents of the area in aiding these students find apartments which meet Zoning Board specifications or shared situations within houses or apartments in which there would be a sharing of all expenses or rooms in private homes with or without meals included.

Anyone with space available for listing with the College Housing Office may call 568-3311, ext. 402.

Sea Dragon Emerges At Riverside Park

It's forty feet long and forty feet high and swings back and forth on a giant pendulum.

If you're thinking of a giant grandfather clock, you're wrong. What it is a new thrill ride called the Sea Dragon at Riverside Park - a ride guaranteed to be the wildest boat ride ever.

According to Edward Carroll Jr., owner and manager of Riverside, it's similar to the Pirate Ship, which was leased for one season on a test basis and was one of the more popular attractions.

"We've been looking for a replacement over the last two years and found the Sea Dragon," Carroll commented. "I'm sure a lot of people will be glad to see it back."

The ride is a Viking-type vessel, 40 feet long, which seats up to 30 passengers. The bow and stern of the ship are adorned with huge "dragon heads" that, when in full swing, will rise up close to 30 feet in the air in either direction similar to riding the waves of a stormy sea.

Riverside is located on Main Street in Agawam and opens daily at 10 a.m.

Commerce Class Of '66 Reunion

The High School of Commerce Class of 1966 is having its 15th-year class reunion on Saturday, October 3 at the Colosseum Banquet House in West Springfield.

Reservations are being accepted. For further information, contact 786-9671 or 736-5182.



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Light Stuff...

Small Talk

By Jeanne Hofmann

Ever had a moment when you were with a group of people you didn't know very well, and conversation lagged? If you have felt that nagging anxiety of being responsible for getting it rolling again, try trivia. It's a lot easier to remember than the names of the Presidential Cabinet and guaranteed to spark somebody else's memory about equally useless information.

Next time you go to a party, arm yourself with facts like these.

About Folks History Books Forgot

Simon Styletes was a Syrian shepherd during the early days of Christianity who, in his zeal for his religious beliefs, chained himself to the top of a 60-foot high column for 30 years. To while away the time, he prayed and did sit-up exercises...

Banary Bhat, a farmer in India, proved that beekeeping was a safe occupation by placing a queen bee on his cheek and attracting a huge swarm of followers that clung to his face like a beard. Decorated in this manner, he confounded his friends by drinking, eating supper, and playing cards - apparently without a sting to show for it...

An 18th century English nobleman, Francis Henry Edgarton, loved his dogs so much that he outfitted them in custom-made leather boots and brought them to dinner each night at his own table. They all had their own linen napkins and sterling silver serving dishes.

Facts History Books Don't Mention

Irreverent facts about famous folks are easy to remember, too. For instance, the Emperor Nero had ice imported from distant mountains to make his favorite frozen desserts...

Julius Caesar loved wearing laurel leaf crowns because they disguised the baldness he was sensitive about...

Queen Victoria kept as many as 83 dogs in Buckingham Palace and she knew every one of them by name...

Frederick the Great of Prussia preferred his coffee brewed with champagne instead of water...

Lord Nelson was seasick at the Battle of Trafalgar...

Napoleon was suffering from such an acute attack of hemorrhoids during the Battle of Waterloo that he had to be helped onto his horse...

Composer/pianist Frederick Chopin sometimes wore a beard on just one side of his face...

Temperance reformer Carrie Nation often walked down the streets of New York knocking cigarettes out of men's mouths and covering nude statues with her cape...

Johannes Brahms hated cats so much that he stalked the neighborhood felines with a bow and arrow.

Parting Words

Old epitaphs are great contributions to small talk. Everybody seems to have a favorite. Here are a few from the *People's Almanac* No. 2 by Wallace and Wallechinsky.

From Nantucket: "Ezekiel Pease: He is not here/But only his pod/ He shelled out his peas/ and went to God."

From Death Valley, California: "Here lies the body of Mannie-They put him here to stay./ He lived the life of Riley-When Riley was away."

From Hartscombe, England: "On the twenty-second of June/ Jonathan Fiddle went out of tune."

From Moultrie, Georgia: "Here lies the father of twenty-nine/ He would have had more, but he didn't have time."

Hope all this useless information adds some fun to future conversations for you. We'll share some more with you soon.

evenly, making it easier to carry.

- Pack shoes in plastic bags to keep your clothing clean. Stuff socks into shoes to save space and help keep shoes in shape.

- If you haven't a hanging garment bag, fold jackets flat with buttons open and layer trousers in with the

jacket to prevent crease lines.

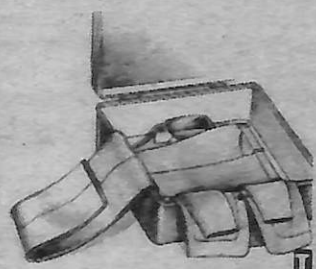
- Carry personal grooming aids in a separate kit and if you're traveling by air, put it in a "carry-on" bag. In case your luggage is misplaced, at least you'll have the essentials.

Taking A Trip?

PACKING FOR A TRIP

Here are a few tips that should make your traveling easier and help you look your best.

- Pack firmly, as loose packing allows clothing to move about and wrinkle easily.



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FIVE YEAR OLD KRISTIN KOKOFSKI of the Pioneer Valley Children's Center salutes Old Glory. Teaching youngsters respect for the flag at an early age is important. Photo by Jack Devine.

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MEMBERS OF THE AHS 1981 PIONEER VALLEY CHAMPS are saying thank-you to the many fine sponsors of the squad and we thought it was appropriate to give our readers another look at the squad. Back row, from left, Coach Morace, Don Gallerani, Dave Lyne, Scott Josephson, Mike Knight, Dave Vecchiarelli, Jim Egan, Scott Karam, Coach Brian Rheault, and Head Coach Gerry Smith. Front row, Boo Smith, Keith Mercadante, Tim Ayre, Jack Jury, Tom Sibilia, Tony Venturini, Bill Egan, John Calabrese, Paul Dezielle and Scott Negrucchi.

Golf Tournament To Benefit Diabetes Research

Golfers from all over Western Massachusetts are invited to help support the Joslin Diabetes Research Foundation of Boston with a golf tournament to be held at the Twin Hills Country Club on Wolf Swamp Road, Longmeadow, Tuesday, August 18th.

Research is expensive and time consuming with the progress depending on the availability of funds, according to Bob Holmberg, chairman of the event. The public's participation in this tournament and the resultant donation to the Joslin Clinic will aid all those afflicted with juvenile diabetes.

For further information, call Ron Mattson at Twin Hills 567-0181.

Agawam's O'Brien Off To Puerto Rico With Soccer Squad

Agawam's Billy O'Brien, a member of the Kick-Run All Stars soccer team, will be going to Puerto Rico along with his teammates from August 19th to 31st. The team will compete in the first Young Clubs Tournament in which they will play each of the other competing clubs once with the two teams with the best records playing in the finals.

Teams involved in the tournament are Real Madrid from Spain, Millonarios from Colombia, Puma from Mexico, International from Puerto Rico, and Kick-Run from the United States.

Kick-Run just recently returned from a twelve-day soccer trip to England, Scotland, and Ireland. The team is sponsored and managed by Larry Nascimento and coached by Tom Goodman.

O'Brien is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William O'Brien of Western Avenue, Agawam.

Printers Set For TC Playoffs

By Charles J. Duclos

O'Malley Printers copped second place in the Tri-County standings last Friday by defeating Fenton Athletic Supplies, 12-6. Behind the steady hurling of Jim Irzyk, who went the distance, O'Malley had a commanding 10-run lead going into the last inning.

Coach Don Irzyk made a few player changes to utilize his bench, however, it did not prove that effective as Fenton picked up four tallies before the end of the seventh inning.

O'Malley now heads into the upcoming Tri-County playoffs in a healthy second place, trailing frontrunning Chicopee Falls Tigers and placing just ahead of Union Auto Parts, who secured the third slot.

Credited with RBI's in the Fenton win were Steve Moge, Jeff LaBranche, Jack Dougherty, Rick Mastroianni, Dave Stefano, Mark Guindon, John McGurk, Steve Mercandante and Ton Nodell.

On Sunday Irzyk moved his troops to Forest Park to meet Union Auto Parts in a game that matter little in the standings but mattered much in pride. A victory, said Irzyk would be psychological boost to the Printers. O'Malley nosed out a 3-2 victory.

Coach Irzyk finished the season on the mound as he had pitched the seasonal opener back on May 18 against Central Chevrolet - a winner also. Irzyk was in top form as Union went down in fairly neat order through six frames. To that point Don had given up only three hits, and his mates had provided him a 3-0 lead.

Three hits bunched around several defensive slip-ups allowed Union to threaten in the final inning but Irzyk remained calm and collected through it all and struck out the final batter of the regular season to preserve a hard earned 3-2 win.

O'Malley's three runs came on ten hits. Lou Conte, Mark Guindon, and Dave Stefano crossed home plate, while Guindon, Rick Mastroianni, and Jack Dougherty added RBI's to their seasonal outputs.

SPLINTERS: Bill Sandillo, formerly with the West Springfield Legion team has been added to the O'Malley roster. He saw right field action in Friday's game and picked up a hit as a pinch-woodsman in Sunday's contest.

Jim Irzyk will be back on the mound for O'Malley's opening playoff game on Friday against rival Union Auto Parts. Game time is 5:15 p.m. at Shea's Field. A best two out of three will be held between these two teams.

The second encounter will be held at Blunt Park at 1:30 p.m. If a third game is necessary, time and place will be announced then, as well as in other local news media. The winner of the series will meet either the Chicopee Falls Tigers or Oliver Auto Body, who are also involved in their own playoff series. Times and places for the finals will be announced later.

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Sportsmen Corner

By Bill Chiba

"We have three or four bedrooms in the cottage we are renting on Echo Lake in Vermont," remarked Stan Cowee. "The first week is open; how about you and Edie joining us? Well, we didn't need too much of a push to take up Stan and Dottie's invitation. Last year, the last week in July proved to be very productive. Stan and his lovely wife caught a load of trout.

The trip up to the Northeast Kingdom in Vermont was very enjoyable. Route 91 is completed to the Canadian border and traffic is nil. The highway curves and winds through some of the most picturesque countryside in the Northeast.

We left the highway at Lyndonville and ate dinner at the Lyndonville diner. The roast beef was tremendous. Walked across the street and obtained our fishing licenses at a sports store. I then took the back way by Route 5-A to get to East Charleston where the cottage was located.

The road took us along the shores of Lake Willoughby which is noted for the large lake trout that inhabit its depths and the fighting salmon that roam just under the surface.

The fishing at Lake Willoughby was very good the week before we arrived there. Gary Secard, Barton, VT, boated a 6½ pound landlock salmon trolling a Hornberg fly just before dark.

Dottie and Stan have been fishing the area for the last 35 years and always make two trips a year at the

same time of the month. The first trip is in the first part of June for two weeks, and the last week of July and the first week of August. They love Walleyes and seek them out in Salem Lake. Echo produces lake trout, rainbows and salmon.

Edie and I only caught two legal size rainbows on Echo. We read plenty of fish on the fish finder, but just couldn't entice them to take our offerings. Stan and Dottie were having the same luck on Newark, Salem and Echo.

That fishing pair are amazing. I know that Stan is 74 years young, and I won't get into trouble by making Dottie's age known. Practically every morning, they would arise at 4 a.m. so they could be on the water by daybreak.

We joined together one day and fished Lake Memphremagog. The water was beautiful, as flat as a mirror. As we churned through the glass-like water heading for two islands on the Canadian border, small fish would scurry out of our way and some of them took to the air. There were bait fish everywhere we looked. The walleyes were not cooperative. Large humpback yellow perch were in abundance. We did not keep any of them this trip.

Edie and I fished Lake Willoughby three days. We caught sub-legal rainbows and one 2½-pound keeper salmon. The fish were there. The fish finder would go crazy in certain spots. The fish were lying in 25-35 feet of water.

Returning one night from the lake, we spotted two small foxes in a newly-mown hay field. We stopped the truck and watched their antics as they tried to scare mice from under the hay mounds. They would jump on the hay and wait expectantly for a mouse to come scurrying out. One of the little fellows was successful. After he pounced on the mouse, he played with it for a while before devouring it.

I recommend the Northeast Kingdom for a relaxing and enjoyable vacation. The rentals are not too high, usually the fishing is a lot better than when we were there, and the people in the area are very friendly which means a lot and sometimes is the difference between having an enjoyable vacation or a so-so one.

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- Sailboats and row-boats almost always have the right of way over power boats. Any boat approaching from your right also has the right of way.
- If two boats are ap-

proaching head-on, right is again right. Both boats should move to the right. If one boat is passing another, it can make the pass on either side. But remember, the boat being passed has the right of way.

- Reduce speed when you're near a smaller boat or dock. Your wake can cause a lot of trouble.

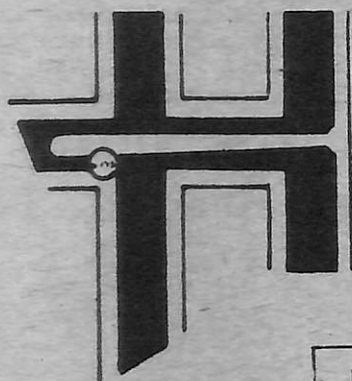
The folks at State Farm Insurance, a major insurer of small pleasure craft, have some other tips that will keep pleasure boating more pleasant.

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S.H.A.A. 11-12 Boys Champs



The Yankees, sponsored by the West Springfield-Agawam Lodge of Elks, won the Sacred Heart Athletic Association's 11-12 boys division. Pictured here front row, left to right, are Joe Schaeffer, B.J. Massoia, Ralph LaRocca, Jim Pirro, and Timmy Duclos; Second row: Alan Schaeffer, Mike Avis, Mickey Lunden, Leo Santinello, Dwayne Clark, Peter Vecchiarelli, and Tim Tlusty; Back row: Coaches Dean Vecchiarelli, Dan Guthrie, Scott Massoia, and Chuck Mickey. Missing from picture are the team's 9-10 Minor Leaguer Ricky Brown and assistant coaches Alan Bouley and Frank Cavallo. Photo by Sandy Paro.

Champion Yankees Take S.H.A.A.'s 11-12 Boys Division

The Yankees team of the Sacred Heart Athletic Association's 11-12 boys baseball league took the championship following a best two out of three playoff against the White Sox.

The first game, played on Monday, August 3, saw the Yanks defeat the Sox 5-3 with Mickey Lunden earning the win in an all-out pitching duel with Bobby Altobelli in which each gave up only two hits. Ricky Brown and Jimmy Pirro supplied the hitting power for the victors, and Altobelli clocked a home run in a losing cause.

The White Sox evened the series on Wednesday night by winning 13-8 in a game played almost entirely in a drizzling rain. Frank Buoniconti pitched a strong game for the winners with some relief help from Altobelli in the fifth. Tim Tlusty started for the Yankees, with relief coming in the fifth briefly from Lunden and from Tim Duclos. Peter Vecchiarelli hit a two-run homer for the losers.

On Friday night, the Yankees won once again behind the pitching of Mickey Lunden, who threw a four-hitter and also contributed a homer that proved to be the winning run. Jimmy Pirro sparked the defense for the Yankees with a defensive gem in which he caught a fly ball in centerfield and threw out the baserunner trying to make it back to first. B.J. Massoia's two-run single put the game on ice for the Yankees.

TIDBITS: Bob Altobelli achieved a .700 batting average this season, bashing 37 hits out of 53 at bats including ten home runs. Bob Coelln and Dan Champigny along with Tom Finnie and Frank Buoniconti supplied the hitting power for the White Sox throughout the three-game series. Tom Mesick performed very well as catcher for the Sox in all three games.

The young men who combined efforts to coach the victorious Yankees this year demonstrated superb baseball knowledge for their ages.

Dean Vecchiarelli, Scott Massoia, Chuck Mickey, Dan Guthrie, and Alan Bouley were all together on the Agawam High School football team in their senior year at that school. They played so well together that they became interested in carrying on their cooperative effort through coaching a youth sports team.

During the following summer, the Sacred Heart Athletic Association was seeking a replacement for a departing team manager, and these young men were given their chance to coach, despite some initial doubts because of their ages.

The 9-10 division Yankees won the championship under their guidance. The following year they lost a squeaker in the final playoff action, but came back last year to take the championship again for the 9-10 division.

With the exciting playoff action displayed this season paying off in the championship slot for the 11-12 division team, these young men certainly deserve credit for their time, effort, and ability in the coaching field.

S.H.A.A. 10-12 Girls Champions



The Giants won the title in the Sacred Heart Athletic Association's 10-12 girls division. Pictured here with with coaches (back row) Bob Strader and Gene Waniewski are the champion athletes: Front row: Christine David, Chris Chiaro, Beth McEwen, Missy Morin, and Leigh Whittaker; Second row: Lisa Waniewski, Sarah Scaggs, Cindy Roy, Lori Waniewski, Karen Skorupski, and Tammy Strader. Photo by Sandy Paro.

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